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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 October 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Acknowledgements

The Preliminary Amendment filed by the Applicant on April 5, 2004 is acknowledged. The Substitute Specification filed by on April 5, 2004 is also acknowledged and has been entered.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the main-latch-plate adaptor must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 3 – 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to adequately describe the invention as claimed. For example, in Claims 3 – 6, a main-latch-plate adaptor is claimed, however it is not adequately described in the specification or shown in the drawings. Also, in Claim 7, a “locking handle” is claimed, however it is not described in the specification and does not meet the written description requirement.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 3 – 8 and 10 – 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 3 – 8 and 10 – 15 are replete with confusing language and punctuation errors which make the claims confusing and unclear. In Claims 3, 4, 12 and 14, the applicant attempts to describe what occurs with the main latch plate “upon non-use of the seat belt”. The claims are

confusing and it is unclear what is actually being claimed. Placement of and/or lack of proper comma usage makes the claims even more confusing. Claim 8 attempts to describe the placement of the headrest, and is confusing and unclear. Explanation and clarification is required.

Claims 10 and 11 recite "the belt guiding member is *the shoulder-belt-portion guiding deflector*, attached to the upper portion of the nonrotating *shoulder-belt-portion guiding deflector*" (italics added). This is confusing and seems to read that the shoulder belt guiding deflector is attached to an upper portion of itself, especially with the different reference numbers listed. Clarification is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Krebs et al. (US 5,330,228). Krebs discloses a safety restraint for motor vehicles including a shoulder belt portion guiding assembly comprising a non-rotating, height-adjustable shoulder-belt-option guiding deflector (13 in Fig. 2) fastened to a head rest (7 in Fig. 2) which loosely guides a shoulder belt portion of a seat belt (9 in Fig. 2) which downwardly extends over a shoulder and an upper body of the belted passenger (see Fig. 3). The belt-guiding portion, also known as the

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shoulder belt option guiding deflector, (13 in Fig. 2) is an aperture (see Fig. 2, 4, 5) Krebs also discloses a height-adjustable head rest (see Fig. 5) and at least two stiff head-rest tubes (see 49 in Fig. 5) moveable along members of a seat backrest frame guided thereby and locked therein (see Fig. 5).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Larsen et al. (US 5,897,169) discloses a seat belt webbing guide. Brown (US 5,733,013) discloses a vehicle occupant restraint apparatus. Vega et al. (US 5,658,051) discloses a gimbaled web guide for a set integrated-belt restraint system. Pham et al. (US 5,599,070) discloses a seat and integral seat belt.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deanna L. Draper whose telephone number is 703-306-5939. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul N. Dickson can be reached on 703-308-2089. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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